

Infant Mortality Agenda 8.17.15

- I. Review and approval of minutes
The May 18, 2015 minutes were approved as written.
- II. Introduction of new members and guests
See attendance sheet.
- III. Legislative tasks
 - a. Baby box study and recommendations

Dr. Walthall did a literature review of the history and use of abandoned babies (also known as anonymous birth). See attachment. Also reviewed was the assignment of this discussion based on House Enrolled Act No. 1016.

There was a robust discussion about the use of Baby Boxes and also the current Safe Haven Law in Indiana. Discussion including education of receivers of abandoned babies.

Consensus of Task Force is that there is no viability to have baby boxes as a state wide practice

We need to have a robust Safe Haven law that includes the Labor of Love Campaign and has dedicated dollars.

Recommend that more study and exploration be done on Anonymous Birth.

Dr. Walthall and Jane Bisbee will prepare a synopsis of the literature, the conversation and the recommendations and distribute to the Task Force Members for review.

b. Review of suicide report

i. Report on NVDRS (Jessica Skiba)

Data distributed from Indiana Violent Death Reporting System. (INVDRS). Indiana has a grant for INVDRS. Project in place in many states but new to Indiana.

ii. Review of current state (Jen Walthall)

Prevention Plan from 2013 is still a great framework for the suicide discussion. Self-Assessment will help for program planning. Community Hospital Plan is a good model for prevention. Suzanne Clifford previously spoke to the Task Force about teenage suicide.

Department of Education has a wealth of information available to both staff and students. Julie Smart spoke to the Task Force in January. Julie is the Chair of a Sub Committee of the Education Task Force.

The following Commission Task Forces are or have reviewed Teen Suicide:

Education Outcomes Task Force
School Discipline and Climate

Substance Abuse and Child Safety Task Force
Suicide Prevention
Infant Mortality and Child Safety Task Force
Mental Health Task Force

iii. Recommendations

The Commission may want to consolidate the topic of Suicide to one Task Force or a sub-committee of one of the Task Forces.

Improve Communication between mental health providers, parents and school.

Universal adoption of the Indiana State Suicide Prevention Plan – Journey From Hopelessness To Health.

An action plan needs to be developed for the Prevention Plan.

- IV. TF mission (if time)
 - a. Mental health and primary care co-location
 - i. Presentation from Ann Alley